

BRANDYWINE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF ADDITIONAL TAXES

A Special Election will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, in the Brandywine School District in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 19, Title 14 of the Delaware Code, in order to permit the voters of the district to vote either for or against the following:

AUTHORITY TO LEVY ADDITIONAL TAXES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

The levy and collection of an additional 30.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value effective July 1, 2007 up to a maximum of 31.2 cents of assessed value effective July 1, 2011. This increase includes the 10 percent for delinquencies, and costs of collection as required by law. Income from the levy will be used for current operating expenses in order to continue to provide a sound, effective educational program in the district and includes the following:

Full-Day Kindergarten	Expansion of the alternative school program
Technology upgrades	Expansion of the International Baccalaureate Programme
Restoration of reserves	Continuance and maintenance of ongoing academic programs.

If voters approve the tax increase, the rate will be as follows:	
Effective July 1, 2007	30.2 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value
Effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010, increased to	30.5 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value
Effective July 1, 2010 reduced to	30.2 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value
Effective July 1, 2011 and thereafter increased to	31.2 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value

For the average homeowner in the district the maximum annual cost in the first year is approximately \$209 and \$222 per year in year five.

AUTHORITY TO LEVY ADDITIONAL TAXES FOR SCHOOL BUILDING MAINTENANCE & SAFETY

Vote for or against an increase in the tax rate implemented as shown below for school building maintenance, including the renovation of the Mount Pleasant High auditorium, and safety improvements, including cameras for school buses.

If voters approve the tax increase, the rate will be as follows:	
Effective July 1, 2007	6.0 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value
Effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010, increased to	7.7 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value
Effective July 1, 2010 increased to	8.0 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value
Effective July 1, 2011 and thereafter reduced to	7.0 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value

For the average homeowner in the district the maximum annual cost in the first year is approximately \$42 and \$50 per year in year five.

The polls for the Special Election will be open Tuesday, April 24, 2007, between the hours of Noon and 9 P.M. in the locations listed below. All voting locations are handicapped accessible. Those marked with an (*) are easily accessible.

BRANDYWINE HIGH SCHOOL* 1400 Foulk Road, Wilmington	DARLEY ROAD ELEM. SCHOOL* 500 Darley Road, Claymont	MAPLE LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL* 100 Maple Lane, Claymont
BRANDYWINE DISTRICT OFFICE* 1000 Pennsylvania Avenue, Claymont	FORWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL* 1900 Westminster Drive, Wilmington	MOUNT PLEASANT ELEM. SCHOOL* 500 Duncan Road, Wilmington
BUSH SCHOOL* 101 Whitby Drive, Wilmington	GIRLS INC., KIWANIS BRANCH 26 th & Carter Streets, Wilmington	MOUNT PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL* 5201 Washington Street Extension, Wilmington
CARRCROFT ELEM. SCHOOL* 503 Crest Road, Wilmington	HANBY MIDDLE SCHOOL 2523 Berwyn Road, Wilmington	P.S. DUPONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL* 701 West 34 th Street, Wilmington
CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR* 1106 East 28 th Street, Wilmington	LANCASHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL* 2000 Naamans Road, Wilmington	SPRINGER MIDDLE SCHOOL* 2220 Shipley Road, Wilmington
CLAYMONT ELEM. SCHOOL* 3401 Green Street, Claymont	LOMBARDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL* 412 Foulk Road, Wilmington	TALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL 1110 Cypress Road, Wilmington
CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL* 2501 Ebright Road, Wilmington		

QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE

- Must be a citizen of the United States and Delaware
 - Must be a resident of the Brandywine School District
- Must be 18 years of age or older
 - You do NOT have to be a registered voter

ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any individual qualified to vote in this election may vote by absentee ballot if the voter is unable to appear at a polling place on April 24, 2007 for any of the following reasons: (1) Temporary or permanent physical disability, (2) Public service for the U.S. or the State of Delaware, (3) Spouse or dependent of, and residing with or accompanying, a person in public service of the U.S. or the State of Delaware, (4) Engaged in a business or occupation precluding appearance at a polling place, (5) Sickness, (6) The tenets or teaching of the voter's religion, (7) Incarceration, (8) Absence from the district while on vacation; (9) Temporarily residing outside the U.S. and District of Columbia, (10) Illness or injury received while serving in the Armed Forces of the U.S., (11) A member of the U.S. Armed Forces, (12) A member of the American Red Cross or U.S.O, or (13) A member of the U.S. Merchant Marine. Such a qualified person may vote by absentee ballot provided the voter executes an Affidavit of Voter Eligibility on the form prescribed by the State Department of Elections, and delivers the Affidavit to the New Castle County Department of Elections by Noon on April 23, 2007. Upon timely receipt of the executed Affidavit of Voter Eligibility, the Department of Elections shall deliver a ballot to the voter if the voter personally appears at the Department of Elections. If the voter instructs the Department of Elections to mail the ballot to the voter, the Affidavit must be received by the Department of Elections no later than 12 Noon on April 23, 2007. All Absentee Ballots must be returned to the Department of Elections no later than 9 P.M. on April 24, 2007.

PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND ADDRESS

Persons appearing to vote must present satisfactory proof of identity and address to the Election Officers at the Polling Place before being permitted to vote. Persons who do not present satisfactory proof of identity and address, may, upon majority vote of the Inspector and the two Judges, be permitted to vote.

By order of the BRANDYWINE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
Craig A. Gilbert, President
James R. Scanlon, Ed.D., Executive Secretary and Superintendent